

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Date Submitted: December 27, 2007 <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
Sheet		1	of	1	Application Number 10/575,903
					Filing Date 09/13/2004
					First Named Inventor Reinhard HEINE
					Art Unit 3744
					Examiner Name Allen J. Flanigan
					Attorney Docket Number 016906-0494

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	A1	6,012,512	01-11-2000	GHIANI	
	A2	6,527,044 B2	03-04-2003	MANGOLD	
	A3	6,354,368 B1	03-12-2002	NISHISHITA et al.	

UNPUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Application Document	Filing Date of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Serial Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	A4	DE 198 57 494 A1	07-01-1999	VALEO THERMIQUE MOTEUR		Abst.
	A5	DE 198 25 561 A1	12-09-1999	VALEO KLIMATECHNIK GmbH		Abst.
	A6	DE 198 14 028 A1	10-01-1998	ZEXEL CORP.		Abst.
	A7	DE 197 22 097 A1	12-03-1998	BEHR GmbH & CO.		Abst.
	A8	DE 101 38 247 A1	02-13-2003	BEHR GmbH & CO.		Abst.
	A9	DE 101 27 780 A1	12-05-2002	BEHR GmbH & CO.		Abst.
	A10	DE 100 02 745 A1	07-25-2001	MODINE MFG CO.		Abst.
	A11	DE 698 14 904 T2	01-22-2004	ZEXEL VALEO CLIMATE CONTR CORP. et al.		Abst.
	A12	DE 695 07 070 T2	06-10-1999	SHOWA ALUMINUM CORP.		Abst.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.		T ⁶

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.